**8th Grade Summer Reading Recommendations**

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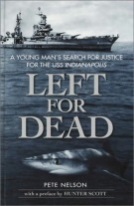
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Genre Key:

F = Fantasy SF = Science Fiction D = Dystopian A= Apocalyptic R = Realistic fiction

T = Thriller S = Supernatural H = Horror = Romance B = Biography NF= Nonfiction

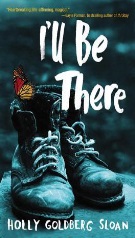
Left for Dead by Pete Nelson

No, not the zombie shooter game! This is the true account of the USS Indianapolis sinking and the story of the survivors who lasted 5 days in shark infested waters, coated in the ship’s oil, in fire, and without lifeboats. Then it’s the story of a middle school boy who brought the truth to light about the Navy’s cover-up for its failure to rescue them. (NF)

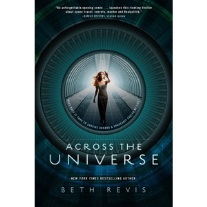
Mind Games by Kiersten White

Annie is Fia’s blind sister, and all the family Fia has left. They both share a secret, a family gift. Each can predict the future. Annie has visions, and Fia anticipates other people’s reactions which makes her a perfect fighter and thief. The Keane Foundation kidnaps the pair and forces Fia to obey their agenda - or Annie will bear the consequences. (T)

I’ll Be There by Holly Goldberg Sloan

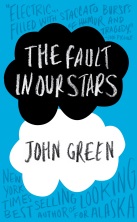
Sam has always lived a secretive life. His abusive and criminal father has changed addresses so often; Sam never registers for school or makes friends. He stays with his dad for the sake of his sickly younger brother. Everything changes the moment he locks eyes with Emily while she nervously sings, “I’ll Be There” at a public performance, and Sam risks life and limb to maintain the first positive relationship of his life. (R )

Across the Universe by Beth Revis

The spaceship Godspeed sets off for another planet since Earth was destroyed, with a plan and government that will span the 300 years voyage, so that the human race can continue. Amy is an important scientist’s daughter aboard the ship in frozen stasis when she is woken fifty years before the expected arrival to new Earth. When the 100 other cryogenically frozen military, science, and medical personnel begin to mysteriously become unplugged and not revived, Amy discovers the world she woke up to is even more dangerous than she thought.

First part of a trilogy. (D)

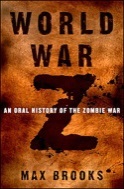
Fault in the Stars by John Green

Hazel and Augustus meet in a cancer recovery group. Hazel is bitter and pessimistic about making new friendships considering the cancer took her life in every real sense of the word. People with cancer aren’t taught how to live after the shadow of death has attached itself to a young survivor. So when Augustus turns up in her group and sweeps her away into adventure and romance, you as a reader become deeply involved in their affair and begin to open up and have hope for these plucky, albeit sarcastic teens.

The Wretched of Muirwood by Jeff Wheeler

Lia wants nothing more than the thing she has been denied her whole life (because of her lowly class); to be taught how to read. In an age of magic and Robinhood era bandits, Lia is forced to hide a young heir who is wanted by the king and his sheriff, both who are evil and in control of dark powers. The young man promises to teach Lia in exchange for her help, not knowing to what extremes of injury, betrayal and loss she would be willing to go through in order to secure her prize. First part of a trilogy. (F/S)

World War Z by Max Brooks

Way better than the movie, World War Z: an Oral History, is a collection of short reports and antidotal stories of the zombie epidemic. As you learn how it was begun, to its heroic end, you witness the best and worst of humanity, some of which makes the gore that the zombies cause pale in comparison. (H)

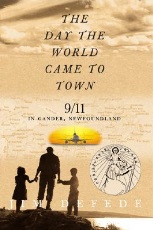
The Summoning (series) by Kelley Armstrong

It starts off slow with a girl who is able to see things/people not really there, so she’s put into a home for disturbed teens, but then the teens discover plots and powers that are way more creepy than what they thought was real and the book just takes off. Besides making the reader want to figure out the truth, Armstrong strings the reader along with some action adventure, horror and romance too.

[The Warded Man: Book One of The Demon Cycle](http://www.amazon.com/The-Warded-Man-Demon-Cycle/dp/0345518705/ref=wl_it_dp_o_pd_S_nC?ie=UTF8&colid=372SGMH7EMA59&coliid=I1D5X92NFYZYX8) **by Peter V. Brett**

**Think of how ghastly a life would be where every night demons come up from the ground to eat people and know how difficult it would be to keep yourself and loved ones always within the protected circles or buildings with magic wards/runes. That is the stressful world our three main characters need to survive in. This story follows their struggles from childhood to adulthood, and how they each come to battle the demons. (H/F)**

**The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland** by Jim DeFede

Have you ever wanted to travel to Newfoundland? No? I didn’t either until I read this book about the true stories of the marooned 38 jetliners on the day the United States banned all inflight traffic, and those planes needed to be re-routed. The amazing generosity and warm hearted spirit of the Gander citizens towards their often demanding and rude guests was uplifting and inspiring. (NF)

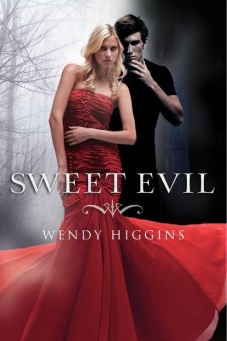
Mortal Instruments (series) by Cassandra Clare

Clary has a great relationship with her mother and her mother’s boyfriend. She never knew her father, nor how integral and important his parentage was to her future. She learns one night clubbing, when she witnesses a murder no one else could see. Her life and all dear to her become wrapped up in a world of supernatural beings and their lives are all threatened. (S/ )

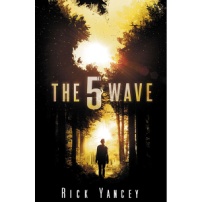
Altered by Jennifer Rush

Living with just her scientist dad and four boys, or should I say “experiments” in the basement workshop/lab, Anna is content. She spends all her days home, never going to school or shopping with girlfriends, but why would she mind when each guy downstairs is such a babe and dependent on her for distraction and emotional support? That is until the Agency decides to shut down the program and claim their “property”. (SF/ )

Sweet Evil by Wendy Higgins

Ever feel the temptation to do something you know is wrong, but then another “instinct” tells you it would be better not to? Well maybe the fallen angels of the 7 deadly sins were doing their work, and your guardian angel helped influenced you to err on the side of good. This amazing and quite titillating series will make you think twice when you are feeling the urge. (S/ )

The 5th Wave (& Infinite Sea) by Rick Yancey

The aliens have invaded, and not in the cheesy B movie way with bobbleheads and antennas. These aliens look like humans, have watched us long enough to know our dependencies, and how to manipulate us perfectly. But why are they here and what is their 5th wave of attack? Cassie needs to find out to locate her younger brother and she will stop at nothing to seek revenge on their race. (SF/A)

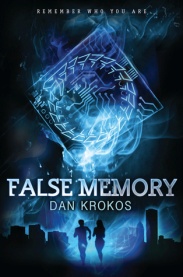
After the Fear by Rosanne Rivers

So much like the Hunger Games, in this novel, countries have become so in debt that the monetary system no longer works and teenagers (usually disruptive ones), and adults are made to fight in public arenas to “pay off” the debts of their country. If they win, after so many years in service, they are free. They also become humongous celebrities as they are followed by all the world citizens on personal tablets. (D/ )

The Testing, (Independent Study & Graduation Day) by Joelle Charbonneau

Forget MCAS, the Test holds all the hopes for your best and brightest future! Or does it? Cia is the smartest in her class, and so were her older brothers, but somehow, they were never selected. When a new administrator of the test comes to their town, Cia’s hopes are realized and she is asked to move up. That’s when rumors of wiped memories and terrible forms of psychological tests, start to circulate and Cia is trapped in a world that was supposed to be so Utopian. (D/ )

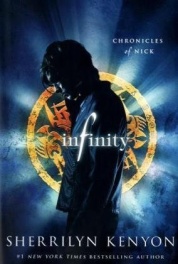
False Memories (series) by Dan Krokos

Miranda “wakes up’ in a busy mall. She approaches the mall cop asking him to help her out because she apparently has amnesia. His reaction causes her to stress out which seems to affect all the mall patrons in the food court. They too act panicked and begin running from Miranda and the cop, crushing one another in the process of trying to escape, until one boy is left. He tells her to come with him if she wants answers. That is how this thriller begins, that has tons of plot twists and surprise betrayals. (T/SF)

The Cherub: the Recruit (series) by Robert Muchamore

This series is a MUCH better version of the Alex Rider series. Focusing on James who has become lost on the streets, tangled up in gang life and wants a way to raise and protect his younger sister, Robert Muchamore writes a character who is in a young adult division of M15 that is believable and creates an action plot that is super addictive. (T/R)

Infinity: Chronicles of Nick (series) by Sherrilyn Kennyon

Nick learns there’s a world filled with mythogical beings and supernatural creatures when his friends try to kill him one day because he wouldn’t help them in a mugging. He just had no idea that he was basically the son of Satan. Another plus to this great series? It takes place in Louisiana, so you’ll pick up on lots of Cajun and New Orleans life. (S/T/ )

Fault Line by Janet Tashjian

Becky and her BFF want to be standup comedians, but they are only in high school. As long as their moms or standin adult watches the show- they can go to night clubs and practice their jokes. One day they meet Kip, who is an amazing comic who happens to like Becky more than her beautiful BFF, and he helps her improve her shtick. A dream come true….it seems, at first, but as Becky becomes a famous comedian, her relationship deteriorates into abuse. (R )

**Most popular books/ series of this year, appropriate for 8th graders….**

Hush, Hush (series) by Becca Fitzpatrick (S/A/ )

The Blind Side by Michael Oher (B)

Divergent/ Insurgent/ Allegiant by Veronica Roth (D/ )

Unwind/ Unwholly/ Unsouled/ (and soon Undivided) by Neal Shusterman (D)

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